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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3153

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SUBJECT: FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS FUNCTION 350/620

(AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FBO)

REF: (A) STATE 271172; (B) LIMA 7704

1. EMBASSY CANNOT ABSORB COST PURCHASE ORDERS 500254 THROUGH 500263 (AMOUNT \$3,707) NOR SHIPPING COST WHICH ESTIMATED BY POST APPROXIMATELY \$2,250. IN ADDITION, UNABLE UTILIZE MOST OF MATERIALS RECEIVED UNLESS ALLOTMENT INCREASED ADDITIONAL \$3,500 COVER WORK OF MAKING UP. TOTAL COST PURCHASE, SHIPPING AND WORK \$9,457.

2. OBLIGATIONS ALREADY INCURRED AGAINST CODE 350/620:

A. AMBASSADOR RESIDENCE:

FREIGHT FY 74 ORDERS	\$,1,101
REUPHOLSTERING FURNITURE	\$1,043
GLASSWARE AND LINENS	334
MISCELLANEOUS	823

B. DCM RESIDENCE:

FREIGHT FY74 ORDERS	\$ 35
FURNISHINGS PURCHASED BY FBO	
PER STATE 167012	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 337

C. MARINE HOUSE:

FREIGHT FY74 ORDERS	\$ 107
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D. FAS HOUSE:

MISCELLANEOUS \$ 37

TOTAL OBLIGATIONS TO DATE: \$6,317

3. AS STATED IN REF. B, FUNDS WERE NOT OBLIGATED FOR THESE PO'S. WE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT THESE WOULD BE FUNDED BY FBO AND WE WERE NOT ASKED TO ESTABLISH OBLIGATIONS WHEN ORDERS PLACED. IF WE HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT THESE ORDERS WERE TO BE FUNDED WITHIN INITIAL ALLOTMENT, WE WOULD HAVE MADE DECISION AS TO WHICH WERE THE MOST ESSENTIAL AND ONLY PLACED THOSE ORDERS WHICH COULD BE PROCESSED WITHOUT OVEROBLIGATION. OF THE \$9,000 INITIAL ALLOTMENT, ONLY \$2,683 REMAINS UNOBLIGATED AND THIS IS NEEDED FOR WORK TO BE COMPLETED AT ER DURING AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE ON HL.

4. NO FBO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER FROM OTHER ALLOTMENT CODES. IN ADDITION, TO REGULAR BUDGETED M&R, NOW ARE FACED WITH REPAIRS NECESSITATED BY OCTOBER 3 EARTHQUAKE. BIDS RECEIVED FOR STRUCTURAL AND A/C REPAIRS ONLY RANGE FROM \$38,000 TO \$50,000. WILL ADVISE EXACT AMOUNT REQUIRED ASAP.

5. IN SUMMARY, WE ARE BEING ASKED TO ABSORB \$13,237 OF EXTRA-ORDINARY EXPENSES (FREIGHT ON FY74 PURCHASES \$1,280, FURNITURE DCM RESIDENCE \$2,500, PO'S FOR MATERIAL \$3,707, COST OF SHIPPING MATERIALS \$2,250 AND ASSOCIATED WORK \$3,500), PLUS COST FOR NORMAL UPKEEP OF 4 RESIDENCES WITHIN AN ALLOCATION OF \$9,000, WHICH, PARENTHETICALLY, IS \$38,600 LESS THAN EMBASSY INDICATED AS BEING NECESSARY TO MEET ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR FY-75 IN ANY EVENT. THIS WOULD REQUIRE A DEGREE OF FISCAL MANIPULATION THAT THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE AT ITS DISPOSAL.

6. REQUEST THAT FUNCTION 350/620 BE INCREASED ASAP BY AT LEAST \$9,500 TO COVER UNAVOIDABLE OBLIGATIONS AND, BY AN ADDITIONAL \$3,000 IF THE EMBASSY IS EXPECTED TO PURSUE A REASONABLY MINIMAL UPKEEP OF RESIDENCES FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY.

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